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Attorney Docket No. 24544

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

LEGRO et al.

Examiner: A. Valenti

Serial No: 09/806,949

Art Unit: 3643

Filed: April 3, 2001

For: **A METHOD FOR THE PROTECTION OF GERMINATING SEED AND PESTICIDE-COATED PELLETS**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in Response to the Official Action dated September 23, 2002. The Official Action has a three (3)-month shortened statutory period for response. Thus, the deadline for filing a Response to the Official Action is December 23, 2002. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as indicated in Appendices A and B